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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON JUTE

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1. PROMPTED BY THE REFERENCED TELE FROM ROME, WASHINGTON
AGENCIES HAVE DISCUSSED MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO
FOLLOW-UP ON THE UNCTAD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON
JUTE. THE U.S. NOTES THAT THE DECISION OF THE JUTE MEETING
IDENTIFIED CERTAIN OBJECTIVES IN RESPECT TO JUTE AND JUTE
PRODUCTS AND CALLED UPON GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO DETERMINE
APPROPRIATE MEASURES AND TECHNIQUES TO REACH THESE
OBJECTIVES. THE MEETING ALSO CALLED UPON THE SECRETARIATS
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TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND

FURTHER DETAILS ON PROPOSED MEASURES. IN ADDITION AT THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS ASSURED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY WOULD BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FURTHER WORK AND ON THE PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING THE WORK OUT.

2. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE THUS MADE A BROAD COMMITMENT TO THE CREATION OF A TECHNICAL AND ANALYTIC FOUNDATION, RESPONSIVE TO THE DECISION MAKING NEEDS OF BOTH PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES FOR ANY FUTURE ACTION ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT AN INITIAL EXPERT-LEVEL MEETING BE HELD TO SPECIFY THE TASKS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BUILD THIS FOUNDATION.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO SET PRIORITIES AMONG THE VARIOUS AREAS TO BE INVESTIGATED, LIST THE ALTERNATIVE MEASURES TO BE EXAMINED, NOTE IN DETAIL THE INFORMATIVE AND ANALYTICAL MATERIAL NECESSARY, AND DETERMINE HOW THE REQUIRED WORK COULD BE CARRIED OUT. ON THIS LAST POINT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS, UNCTAD AND FAO SECRETARIATS AND OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS COULD BE DETERMINED.

4. THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAY, THE SUGGESTED MEETING SHOULD BE HELD EARLY IN JANUARY. IN THE MEANTIME, THE UNCTAD AND FAO SECRETARIATS MIGHT CIRCULATE TO GOVERNMENTS THEIR PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE WORK BY EXPERTS ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS. THE U.S. IS NOW PREPARING ITS OWN SUGGESTIONS AND PLANS TO FORWARD THEM TO THE UNCTAD AND FAO SECRETARIATS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT MISSION GENEVA AND ROME DISCUSS WITH THE UNCTAD AND FAO SECRETARIATS THE U.S. THOUGHTS ABOUT FUTURE WORK AT THE EXPERTS' LEVEL AND REPORT REACTIONS TO DEPT. KISSINGER

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